

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-23. (canceled).

24. (currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~claim 18~~ claim 31, wherein the locking element ~~comprises a rectangular or round cross section and~~ engages at least partially over an outside surface of the ~~guide slot of the guide element~~ medullary nail.

25-28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~claim 18~~ claim 31, wherein two locking elements sit on the spindle element and, upon actuation of the motor element, are driven toward or away from one another in ~~the~~ the guide slot of the guide element.

30. (canceled).

31. (new) A device for lengthening bone parts comprising:

a guide element comprising a medullary nail having at each end means adapted to secure the medullary nail to opposed bone parts, the medullary nail having an elongate guide slot extending between each end of the medullary nail, the elongated guide slot is provided at one end with a bearing recess and at the other end with an end area for receiving a drive motor, a spindle member has one end mounted in the bearing recess and

another end connected to the drive motor, a locking element engages with the spindle member and is movable along the spindle element back and forth in the elongated guide slot between the ends of the elongated guide slot by means of the drive motor, the locking element is adapted to carry a bone segment.